



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: ALKALINE PROTEASE :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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